

Approved at the September 22, 2020 meeting

Flathead County Solid Waste District
Board of Directors Meeting
August 25, 2020 – **3:00 p.m.**
Landfill Office

1. Roll Call

Board Members present: Susan Nicosia, Board Chair; Alan Ruby, Vice-chair; Karl Henshaw, Member at Large; Mark Johnson, City of Kalispell; Phil Mitchell, County Commissioner; Roger Noble, Board of Health. Absent: Craig Workman, City of Whitefish.

District Staff present: Public Works Director, Dave Prunty; Operations Manager Jim Chilton and Recording Secretary Deborah Morine.

Attendees: In person: Carl Cortez, SCS Engineering. By conference call: Mayre Flowers.

2. Introductory Remarks from Chair

Susan Nicosia welcomed everyone, noted Craig Workman was absent and Phil Mitchell would be arriving soon.

3. Comments from Public

There were no comments.

4. Program Updates from Non-Profits

Mayre Flowers attending by conference call updated the Board regarding the ability of leaving the shed the WasteNot Project uses at FVCC. Mayre was able to communicate and reach an agreement with staff at FVCC regarding the shed at the compost garden. All parties agree they can stay and Mayre is hopeful to continue working with the college in the future when things can get going again. Mayre also said she will be working on updating the brochures in the next couple months.

5. Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes for July 28, 2020 – **Action Required**

Alan Ruby moved to adopt the minutes of the July 28, 2020 meeting. Mark Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

6. Action Agenda

- a. There are no items on the Action Agenda this month

7. Director's Report

a. Phase II Parts 1 & 2 Entrance Facility Construction Project

Swank has reached substantial completion. A punch list walk through occurred and they are working on the items listed. Go Live occurred on August 7th. Paradigm was onsite through August 9th and worked with staff as customers were processed through the new scales. Everything has worked well but we are likely a little slow processing customer as staff learns to work with the system. We have determined the need to hire a second attendant that was included in the current budget. Currently, Debbie is spending a majority of her time in the scale house working with Shelby. The budget includes a new person for eight months per year so we've started that work to get the job on the streets. We asked our weekend employee if he was interested in the position but he declined. All-in-all we are very pleased with the project and once we have a couple months of operations we will feel much more comfortable with the system.

One item of note is if an oversize load (material hanging off the side of the vehicle) comes to the landfill they have not been able to weigh due to close proximity of the scale and the scale house. We will be including a note on the August billing that states all loads must fit on the scale or the load will be rejected. If we continue with this problem one solution is to have a flat fee charged for the load. Typically, you make a charge like this rather large to induce them to load the vehicle properly and cover the cost of the load so there isn't an incentive to not be able to weigh.

b. Phase III Container Site and Recycling Area Project

This project is complete and is functioning well in the new system. One issue we've seen, all-be-it minor, is the exit location and the automatic gate (note the gate install is part of Phase II but exit location was built in Phase III). Customers don't get close enough to the gate to trip the sensor to open the arm. We've got a sign coming that will inform them to approach the gate slowly to open it. That should solve the problem. The recycling services are functioning well. We really didn't have too much down time when we moved to the new area. Jim did a great job coordinating all the vendors needed to make that move as smooth and quick as possible.

c. CFC Building Construction Project

Davidson Construction's contract time began on June 1st. They have 103 days to complete the project. They have received their building permit from the State of MT. The building is in manufacturing and is scheduled to arrive on September 3rd. It will take about 15 days to erect per their schedule. Stem walls should be poured this week and flat work shortly thereafter. There is a passive landfill gas removal system under the floor of the building so that will take a little more time to construct and then the floor will be poured. We're anticipating this project being completed near the end of September if all stays on course.

d. Wash Water Pad and Lined Basin Construction Project

Camas Creek Construction started the project on August 17th. They have 68 calendar days to construct the project. They have started to demo the existing concrete slab. Landfill staff have continued to de-water Pond No. 1 so when Camas is ready for excavation and fill to split the pond into two separate basins it will be as dry as possible. There are multiple contributing drainage areas that flow to this pond and likely it will be challenging to keep the pond as dry as possible to aid in construction. Building the dividing berm as soon as possible will be critical in allowing the lining subcontractor to perform their work.

e. CFAC Concrete Pile

The volume of liquid that was flowing out of the east end of the concrete pile has diminished tremendously over the past few weeks. SWT Engineering has produced a draft work plan that staff has reviewed and sent comments back for incorporation into the document. It will be submitted to DEQ shortly.

The plan outlines the three options we've previously discussed: leave the pile in place and cover with onsite soils to provide a cap, haul the material to the top of phase I, shape and cover with onsite soils or haul the material to disposal. Currently, it appears that the first option is the lowest expense and generally preferred by staff and SWT.

We'll finalize the work plan shortly and submit it to DEQ for review and comment. The goal is to have this project completed by the start of the winter season.

f. Refuse Operations

Operations proceeded well for the month. Tonnage/Volumes are shown below:

	<u>July</u>
Total MSW to landfill	15,119.15
Total Appliances w/ CFC's Collected	324
Junk Vehicles Collected	7
Truck Trips to Container Sites	444
Refuse tons/trip (avg)	7.40

The District landfilled 15.8% more waste in July, 2020 as compared to July, 2019 and our refuse trucks hauled 4.3% more waste comparing the same time frame.

The unwanted drug takeback program emptied the containers at the Sheriff's Office (240 lbs), Whitefish PD (100 lbs) and Columbia Falls PD (60 lbs). This program is a great way for citizens to get rid of their unused/unwanted prescription medications and is very helpful to the law enforcement departments in the County to get pills, specifically narcotics, off the streets.

Gate revenue for fiscal year 2021 was projected at \$1,800,000. Through July we have received \$221,687.13 or 12.3% of revenue through 8.3% of the fiscal year.

8. Comments from Board Members

Phil mentioned that the Sliter family is fixing a huge length of Flathead Lake and the Commissioners approved a change to Rose Crossing to fix the curve.

Mark Johnson said that the Cenex building on 4th Ave in Kalispell will be demolished soon, so that'll be another project brought into the landfill.

Phil also reported the NWM Fair went off well even though it had to be modified, but did experience a financial loss. The kids did do well selling their animals though.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.